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Dear Chief Constable Sara Thornton,

I am writing regarding the findings in a recent report - '[Protecting the Protectors](#)' - by Netpol, The Network for Police Monitoring.

The report, as I'm sure you are aware, analyses the policing of protests against fracking and unconventional fossil fuel extraction since 2014, exposing the 'chilling effect' of politically charged policing on the freedom of protest. The findings are deeply concerning.

The concerns that Netpol have raised are related to guidance published by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) in August for individual forces on 'Policing Linked to Onshore Oil & Gas Operations'. I have been informed that the NPCC have promised to address the concerns raised by Netpol and to review this guidance

Based on the concerns raised by Netpol, can you please outline how you plan to review the guidance, when you are expecting to complete the process and who you are planning to consult?

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Keith Taylor, Green MEP, South East England.